

### IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~A method is disclosed for reducing Reducing a standby period of time for printing; in a case where two or more network printers and at least one host computer are connected to a network. The method comprises the following steps. The first step is includes: registering at least one item of network print information in the a host computer. The second step is; detecting the network printer information registered in the host computer if a command for printing has been selected. The third step is; transmitting a command for requesting the network printers to transmit information concerning the amount of standby print operations using detected network printer information. The fourth step is valuating; evaluating the received information concerning the amount of the standby print operations transmitted from the network printers in response to the command for requesting the network printers to transmit information concerning the amount of standby print operations. The fifth step is; detecting a network printer having the least amount of standby print operations among network printers having standby print operations. The sixth step is and transmitting print data to the detected network printer. A system for carrying out the steps is also disclosed.~~